

# **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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### **Minutes of April 8, 2004 Meeting**

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Jenny Streeter	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Dave Campbell	John Bowes
Sal Mazzeo	

Guest List:

John Ryan	Don Fiftal
Adele Conniff	

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the March 11 and 25 meetings were approved unanimously.

#### **Construction Committee Report**

John Ryan reviewed the progress on the construction project as follows:

**Building D (Gym)** – the large ductwork is being installed; electrical wiring for outlets and switches is underway; the interior will soon have power; exterior wiring and fixtures are being installed; priming of interior walls is almost done.

**Building C (Science)** – the sheetrock is almost complete on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and is ongoing on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor; electrical rough-in is complete and the wires have been pulled; the roughed-in plumbing and the HVAC have been installed in the Mechanical Room.

**Building E (Cafeteria)** – the ductwork has been redesigned so that the bottom of the ductwork will be at least 9 feet above the floor; the kitchen slab has been poured.

**Building F (Arts)** – 2/3 of the structural slab has been poured in the last two weeks; detail steel work on the balcony is near completion; ductwork installation should begin soon; United Steel will provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> crew to complete the detailing of seating areas in the balcony; the target date of May 12, 2005 for completion of the building is still considered realistic; pouring of concrete is scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday until the job is completed; a 3<sup>rd</sup> day of pouring will be added whenever the opportunity presents itself.

**Building G (Social Studies, Health, Special Ed.)** – exterior brick is about 2/3 complete; electrical rough-in is nearly complete.

**Building B (Core Classrooms)** – 1/3 of second floor concrete poured today; ½ of metal framing has been delivered.

**Building A (Main offices, Library)** – 60% of the steel has been erected; decking is ready to be applied.

Peter Maglathlin announced that an agreement had been reached with United Steel to settle the disagreement over change orders. The amount was \$230,000. A letter of understanding, specifying exact language of the agreement, was to be sent to affected parties for their signatures. Peter also said that he and John Ryan would be having

discussions with the architects regarding errors and omissions, and the financial consequences of the errors and omissions.

### **Design Development Committee**

Jenny Streeter reported on the meeting held with Bob Bush regarding obtaining a temporary certificate of occupancy for the new gym in the spring of 2005. She said that everyone present believed that it could be worked out. A detailed plan will be developed, emphasizing safety of the students. Once completed and approved by the committee, the plan will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

Jenny also reported that the administration is reviewing the furniture plan. The administration is looking at the recommendations of the architect's consultant as well as the requests and suggestions of the faculty. It will then see if any savings can be realized, and make a final recommendation to the committee.

Jenny also reported on a technology meeting she attended today. She emphasized, and the committee agreed, that it is necessary for there to be a direct line of accountability to the committee with regard to developing and implementing a technology plan for the new building. Accordingly, the committee will continue to utilize the services of the technology consultant. The committee agreed that the knowledge and advice of the school system's technology staff are valuable assets in this process; but final decisions are the committee's responsibility, and we cannot cede those.

### **Chairman's Report**

To clarify a misunderstanding, Peter Maglathlin said that the \$50,000 in the project budget for expenses related to moving items from the old school to the new school could be placed in the Board of Education's budget for that purpose. He stated that the Board of Education also has funds budgeted for that purpose.

He also mentioned that the Board of Education opposed the committee's suggestion to reduce slightly the total number of seats in the gymnasium. There would have been cost savings that could have been realized by taking such an action, but the Board of Education wanted to maintain the originally specified number of seats.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2004, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte  
Secretary

***Approved: April 22, 2004***